

May 13, 2003

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Community Corrections Planning Council was called to order this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, in the conference room of the County Office Building by Vice-Chairman Melissa Houston. Roll was called by Dorinda Harvey, County Clerk/Secretary and those present were:

Melissa Houston, Vice-Chairman  
Dorinda Harvey, Secretary  
F. DeWayne Beggs, Member  
Waldo Blanton, Member  
William C. Hetherington, Member  
Leroy Krohmer, Member

Chairman Dave Stockwell and Member Tim Kuykendall were absent and Member Libba Smith was absent at roll call.

Others present were: Julia Curry, Jennifer Creecy, Bill Yeager, Ed Kearns, Tim Guinn, Tom Belusko, Sonny Scott, and Steve Nelson.

Vice-Chairman Houston asked if the Council was in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Dorinda Harvey answered in the affirmative.

After the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 8, 2003, and there being no additions or corrections, F. DeWayne Beggs moved that the minutes be approved. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes.  
Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Houston called for discussion, consideration, and/or action to review previous months (April) bills. A Budget Report had been passed out to Council Members and Dorinda Harvey, asked how much over would the Council be if the rate of spending keeps going as it has?

Ed Kearns stated that the projection right now was \$2,500.00 but there are things that can be done in June to cut back on some of the billing and he thinks the Council should be okay.

Bill Yeager stated that if the budget goes over the Council has no fiduciary responsibilities.

Mr. Kearns gave ways that was used last year to cut down on the billing.

Mr. Yeager stated that they are going to do everything they can to make sure the Council comes in under budget and that it is their fault and not the Council's if not.

Leroy Krohmer stated that he and Dorinda Harvey are from County Government and if we don't have the money we can't buy and he would like to see this Council operate that way.

Mr. Yeager said that it can just be cut off and the services not provided.

F. DeWayne Beggs suggested that be done to keep a balanced budget.

Vice-Chairman Houston asked that on next month agenda an item be put on for a balanced budget.

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by F. DeWayne Beggs, to accept the reviewing of the previous months (April) bills.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; William C. Hetherington, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes.

Motion carried.

(Libba Smith entered the meeting at this time.)

Vice-Chairman Houston, asked Judge Hetherington if there was anything that needed to be addressed before he had to leave and Item “4” discussion, consideration, and/or action on audit status, who is going to do it DOC or State Auditors Office was discussed.

Judge Hetherington stated that if State Law is not going to allow an external audit then an internal, inside the chicken house audit is about as good as you can get. He would like to see it done on a regular basis. A branch of The Department of Correction can do it, it just has to be asked for.

Bill Yeager stated that the agency has an independent audit team that works directly for the Director and he will ask to have that audit team audit the Council’s account.

Leroy Krohmer stated that he would like to see an audit before the end of the fiscal year June 30 and once a year thereafter.

Bill Yeager stated that if there is anything that looks irregular in the audit then the State Auditor’s Office could be called upon.

More discussion took place about an audit and who would be called in to do the audit if any irregularities were found.

(During the discussion William C. Hetherington exited the meeting.)

Waldo Blanton moved, seconded by F. DeWayne Beggs, to request an audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and for fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Houston called to review status on Bench Warrant Executions and Arrest on Absconders. Julia Curry with Oklahoma Court Services, Inc. handed out a report and stated that the report shows eight offenders but that number is quite a bit lower. There is no telling where some of these people are and in Ms. Curry’s uneducated opinion some of them are out of the state.

Waldo Blanton stated that is sounded like progress is being made on what they are trying to do.

Vice-Chairman Houston called for presentation on Status Report from Oklahoma Court Services, Inc., and Corry Flowers. Julia Curry stated that there were nineteen (19) incentives this month. Ms. Curry stated that there are a couple of new people on their treatment team (a couple of defense lawyer) and they are providing a very good balance from a different point of view. Questions and answers were asked about the report on offenders that Ms. Curry had handed out.

Bill Yeager stated that at one time the Council had asked for some comparison data on successes and failures and next month he would like to do a presentation that would show statewide statistics.

More discussion took place on different offenders and Ms. Curry gave the Council a small list of some other sanctions if offenders do not comply, some are more reporting, more jail

time, clean start more reporting, daily call in, more community service, increased home visit, etc.

The Council discussed one offender more in depth and how they have tried different things with this person.

Tom Belusko explained how DMH and SAS inpatient treatment programs works.

Leroy Krohmer complimented the community service program.

F. DeWayne Beggs, Sheriff, stated that all of his bills have been paid except for December. December's has been paid for the \$24.00 but not for the \$30.00, which is the \$6.00 administrative fee. Ed Kearns will check into this for the Sheriff.

There being no further business to come before the Council Leroy Krohmer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Waldo Blanton seconded the motion.

The vote was: Melissa Houston, yes; Dorinda Harvey, yes; F. DeWayne Beggs, yes; Waldo Blanton, yes; Leroy Krohmer, yes; Libba Smith, yes.

Motion carried.